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NRC ANNUAL NUCLEAR SAFETY RESEARCH CONFERENCE TO BE HELD OCT. 25-27 IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission will hold its final Nuclear Safety Research Conference (NSRC) on Oct. 25-27 in Washington D.C. This year's session will cover technical research in materials aging and degradation, new reactors, fuels, probabilistic risk assessment infrastructure, radiation protection, codes and operating experience.

"These conference sessions will center on where we've been, where we're going in terms of research efforts and where the NRC's research attention will be directed in the future," said Carl Paperiello, director of the agency's Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.

The conference, held annually since 1973, serves as a leading forum for experts to discuss the results and insights of the NRC's research program as well as to preview research activities of the future. It will be held at the Marriott Hotel at Metro Center from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday and from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday. The Marriott Hotel is located at 775 12th St. N.W., adjacent to the Metro Center subway station.

Guest speakers and panelists tentatively scheduled from the NRC include Chairman Nils Diaz, Commissioner Edward McGaffigan, Jr., and Commissioner Jeffrey S. Merrifield, as well as representatives from international organizations, industries, the research community and public interest groups.

Those wishing to attend the conference can review the agenda and register in advance at <http://www.bnl.gov/nsrc> or by contacting Sue Monteleone at 631-344-7235 or susanm@bnl.gov.

In order to reach a larger audience, the NRC's Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research will be represented at the March 2005 Regulatory Information Conference (RIC), sponsored by the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, with topics including materials degradation, probabilistic risk assessment and new reactor research. Beginning in 2006, the NSRC and RIC will be integrated into a new conference.

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